Serial No. 10/772,704

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

TSOKOS, GEORGE C. et al.

Group Art Unit: 1635

Appl. No. 10/772,704

Examiner: Chong, Kimberly

Filing Date: February 5, 2004

Confirmation No.: 5604

Title: NOVEL METHOD FOR THE TREATMENT OF SYSTEMIC LUPUS

ERYTHEMATOSIS

DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2007, Applicants submit this Declaration under section 1.132 to show that the inventorship of the application is correct and that the reference cited against the present claims, namely, Tenbrock, et al. "Antisense Cyclic Adenosine 5'-Monophosphate Response Element Modulator Up-Regulates IL-2 in T Cells from Patients with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, Journal of Immunology, 2002, ("Tenbrock et al. reference") presents subject matter derived from the applicants rather than invented by another.

- 1. We, Dr. George C. Tsokos and Dr. Yuang-Taung Juang, declare as follows:
- 2. We are the only and correctly named inventors in the above referenced application.
- 3. We are authors of the "Tenbrock et al. reference" and first conceived all of the subject matter described therein.
- 4. The other named authors of the "Tenbrock et al. reference", Klaus Tenbrock, Mark F. Gourely, and Madhusoodana P. Nambiar, provided laboratory assistance and performed experiments under our direction but did not contribute to the conception of the claimed invention.

Scrial No. 10/772,704

5. We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-referenced application or any patent issuing thereon.

George C. Tsokos

Oct 15, 2007

Date

Oct 15, 2007